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THE SYDNEY MONTHLY OVERLAND MAIL

By the Paddo.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY NEWS.

FROM THE 21ST NOVEMBER, TO 20TH DECEMBER, 1860.

Wednesday, 21st, to Friday, 23rd November.

There has not been much to "note" since the completion of our summary for the month of November. The approaching general election is creating a sort of political ebullition all through the country. Every district has its own little meetings, and in every quarter we may look for a contest between the friends of the Ministry and the supporters of opposition. But there are some demonstrations and counter demonstrations—rumours and counter rumours, that no results can yet be predicted. Mr. Dalrymple, whose arrival was looked for so anxiously by the Ministerials, has positively declined to become a candidate for a seat in Parliament, but they have evidently not given up all hope of inducing him to make this decision. We may remark, en passant, that Mr. Dalrymple appears to be greatly improved by his sojourn in Europe. He has resumed his practice at the bar.

We are on the eve, too, of a Municipal election, which seems likely to attract more attention than is generally given to the choice of alderman. We cannot join in the cry against the City Council as being wholly inefficient. Their revenues are too limited, and their pecuniary embarrassments too great, for them to do all that is required of them. But there is truth in the complaint that civic duties have been too much confined to a particular class. We cannot see that builders are so very superior to men of other professions—as exclusively fitted for aldermanic duties—as the members of that profession have come forward. But if other and fitting men will not come forward, can it be done? On the present occasion, however, it seems likely that the citizens will have a tolerably fair choice of candidates.

The central cable of the electric telegraph has been removed from the Sydney Exchange to the building erected for this purpose, by the side of the General Post Office.

Mr. William Sheridan Wall, of Coogee, formerly cashier of the Sydney Museum, has been nominated a corresponding member of the Imperial and Royal Geographical Society of Austria, in acknowledgment of his valuable contributions to the Mineralogical Museum at Vienna.

A public tea meeting has been held in connection with the new Wesleyan Church at Balmoral.

Active preparations are being made for the Wool-komoloo Bay Regatta on Boxing Day, and for the Anniversary Regatta on the 26th of January. The arrangements for the latter event are confided to the managing committee of the Sydney Yacht Club.

There have been severe frosts in the Bathurst district, which the cattle and sheep have been much damaged. From Grafton, Wagga Wagga, and other places, however, we have advices of good crops.

A man only known by the name of "Tom" was found dead on the Liverpool Range. He was on his way to the Maitland Hospital, and died from natural causes.

Accounts from Kintarra are not very encouraging. Many men are, indeed, making good wages there, but a great many others are but barely supporting themselves, and a few are leaving. From Lismore, Flat, however, there are reports of rich yields. The accounts from the other gold-fields are conflicting, but, upon the whole, good.

The Rev. James McEwen, late of Singleton, has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Ahalton.

Three men—Kennedy, Meton, and Jenny the Miller—were engaged in a horse stealing expedition at and from Kintarra, and were captured at Braidwood, where they had taken the stolen animals for sale.

The usual monthly meeting of the Philosophical Society was held on Wednesday evening, at which a paper on the "Extraction of gold from Macquarie Quartz" was read by Dr. Leibus, assayer to the Sydney branch of the Royal Mint.

A lad of fourteen has been drowned at Braidwood. The deceased, who had suffered much through the destruction of his cattle, &c., by the late flood.

The rifles for the volunteer battalions have been delivered from the Colonial Storekeeper's department, and placed in the armoury at Hyde Park.

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At a general meeting of the United Journeymen Bakers' Association, held on Saturday last, it was determined to form a co-operative or joint-stock company, for the purpose of supplying the public

with bread of a good and wholesome quality, at a reasonable price; such bread to be prepared by day work, and within a given number of hours, i.e., 12, including the allowance for the cost of the flour, &c. The committee of the Association for the Suppression of Cattle Stealing have written to the Braidwood bench, asking for information as to the recent capture of a party of horse-stealers by chief constable Flogg and his assistants, with a view to the grant of a reward to these officers.

A fourteenth anniversary tea meeting, in connection with the Redfern Congregational Sabbath School was held on Monday evening.

A very successful concert was given on Monday evening by the united classes, in vocal music, of Mr. C. Chiffert.

One of a party of three diggers, bound for Lambton, was killed accidentally on the 18th inst. by a pistol falling from the belt of one of his companions, as the latter was stooping to get some water.

The eighth quarterly meeting of the Pitt-street Congregational Foreign Missionary Society was held on Monday evening.

A man named David Mason has been robbed by two men late in the same employment with himself, near Braidwood, and was so brutally treated that three could do but little to assist him. He has recovered, however, and the ruffians are in custody.

An old man named Richard Cahill has been drowned, in attempting to cross the Isabella River, in the district of Orange.

The ratapays of Fyrmont have had a meeting to protest against the small amount of outlay of civic funds in that quarter.

The members of the Volunteer Mounted Rifles met on Monday in undress uniform, and went through some simple evolutions. The non-commissioned officers of the troops were, on this occasion, nominated by the commandant—Captain M'Leane.

The members of the Celestial Telegraph Department have given a complimentary dinner to Mr. Cracknell, the Superintendent, on the occasion of his removal to the new central station.

The members of the Sydney Yacht Club have been invited to the first New South Wales Regatta—No. 1 Company, Mr. R. Peel Raymond; No. 2, Mr. W. C. Winderley; No. 3, Mr. James Reading Fairfax; No. 4, Mr. W. H. Harbottle; No. 5, Mr. A. G. M'Lean; No. 6, Mr. W. H. Harbottle.

Mr. Hunt, of H.M. Customs, has been elected to the captaincy of the Waterloo Volunteer Sappers; and Mr. Lyons to that of the Paddington and Surrey Hills Rifle Battalion.

The Rev. Henry Tingcombe, Episcopal minister at Camden, has had a purse, containing £52 7s. 6d., presented to him by his congregation as a mark of respect, on the occasion of his approaching departure for the government of the Celestial Telegraph Department.

A lecture on the origin and end of religious societies was delivered on Monday evening, by the Rev. H. Woolfry, before the members of the Australian Catholic Young Men's Society, at the hall of the Sacred Heart.

The Hargrave correspondent of the Mudgee Newspaper reports that Mr. Chard, of Louisa Creek, picked up at his own door a nugget weighing 21 ozs. 14 dwt. The nugget was found in the previous year's rain. When crushed it yielded 19 ozs. 4 dwt. of fine gold.

The Electric Telegraph messengers have done a new and very neat uniform of light grey tweed; and to that worn by some of the volunteer riflemen.

The Director of the Botanic Gardens has delivered the ninth and tenth of his series of lectures on Structural and Systematic Botany.

The committee of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts propose to hold an exhibition of pictures and other works of art or industry in their hall, so soon as the alterations at present going on so satisfactorily shall have been completed.

A meeting of the Taranaki Relief Fund committee was held on Tuesday, at which letters from New Zealand, touching the application of the funds subscribed, were read.

The Mudgee newspaper reports that the dead body of a Chinaman has been found in the bush near Stony Creek. He was supposed to have died in an epileptic fit.

Two men named Evans and Patten have been apprehended at the cattle station at Cedar Creek, near the Murrumbidgee, and charged with the theft of a horse named Sparkes Creek, by the chief constable of the district and Mr. Edward Docker—son of the Hon. J. Docker, M.L.C.

A meeting of the Burwood Total Abstinence Society was held on Monday evening.

The Yacht Club Committee have decided in excluding from competition, at the Anniversary Regatta, all persons who shall, in any of the intermediate contests, be guilty of any improper conduct.

The Judges have upheld the conviction of Butler in the now celebrated cattle fraud case.

Mr. Olla has delivered a lecture on Maritime Disasters, at the Mechanics' School of Arts.

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Volunteer Act, these were forwarded in the usual mode for approval. Nothing, further, however, was heard of them, and the code agreed upon by the central committee was submitted to the Council of the Association for adoption. Some of these were objected to as inapplicable to the position of the volunteers at Braidwood—distant over three miles from Sydney—and an enquiry was made as to what was to become of their own proposed code. The reply to this was such a snubbing as a schoolmaster might be expected to give to refractory pupils. They were told that their own rules would not be approved, and that, consequently, they must submit to the code of the Association. They were peremptorily urged—almost commanded—to adopt, "without revision or delay," the code which had been sent to them. This sort of treatment did not like, and, preferred to resign rather than submit to it.

This misunderstanding is the more to be regretted, as the volunteer movement—looking upon it as a whole—has of late been decidedly on the advance. Last Saturday there was a splendid gathering of all the volunteers of the Sydney district, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Sydney Yacht Club, on the occasion of a set of camp colours being presented to the South Sydney Corps. The demonstration was in every way successful, and the volunteers were enthusiastically received. The assembly was held at the Sydney Yacht Club, where it had been held before. It was a most successful demonstration, and the volunteers were enthusiastically received. The assembly was held at the Sydney Yacht Club, where it had been held before. It was a most successful demonstration, and the volunteers were enthusiastically received.

A man named George Mason has had his thigh bone fractured, at Newcastle, by the sudden breaking of the steamer "Collins" at sea.

A piece of stone, about the size of an ordinary marble, has been recently extracted by Dr. Aldred, in the Darling Downs District, from the foot of a man named Henry Townsend, where it had been embedded upon a thirty-year-old stone.

Mr. Jeremiah Moore, of George-street, has just published a new edition of Plunkett's Australian Magistrate, edited by Mr. J. H. Wilkinson, barrister-at-law. This book has been presented to the Chief Justice. It is a most useful and complete work, and is highly recommended by the legal profession.

The people of Kintarra have decided to send a deputation to the Government, to request the Government to test the auriferous character of the country in the vicinity of that township.

The Wagga Wagga Express of the 1st instant states that the married ladies of that district have challenged a like number of single ladies to a match at cricket.

The last general meeting of the Sydney Yacht Club was more numerously attended than usual. Mr. Aldred, the Commodore, presided, and Captain W. H. Eldred has been elected Commodore in the room of Mr. J. Cuthbert, resigned.

Mr. Burt has been elected treasurer; and Captain Bousfield, cup-bearer, and Mr. Bunbury secretary. The committee have decided upon investigating thoroughly a case of flogging at the last Balmoral regatta.

The Rev. John West has delivered a lecture on "The Christian's Duty at the Temperance Hall."

The licensed victuallers of the Sydney Harbour have appealed to Parliament for various amendments to the "Publicans Act," which they deem essential to their best interests.

The Hon. Charles Warburton, aged nineteen, has died from the effect of injury received through a fall from his horse on Sunday last.

In our last week's notes we mentioned the drowning of a young man named Boyle at the Corporation Baths. It appears that the young man was made to the water by Mr. Wilson, the keeper of the Baths, and by Mr. Josephson. It was the latter who succeeded in raising the lifeless body. The Coroner's jury have just pronounced the verdict of Mr. Josephson, but have expressed a strong opinion as to the necessity of a better precaution at the baths for the preservation of human life. There was a similar expression of opinion some time ago when a young man named Boyle was drowned in the same place.

The question of the Mayor's salary or allowance for the ensuing year seems a much more exciting one. At its last meeting the council debated this in a very spirited manner, but got into a fog by negating not only every amendment, but also the question itself. Under these circumstances no further proposition could be made without a fresh notice. There is, however, to be a special meeting upon this important subject.

The captains of the various volunteer companies have been all duly gazetted.

There has been some very stormy weather in the south country, a party being obliged to the Murrumbidgee. The missing Denilligul mail bags have yet been searched for in vain, and part of the Lutteral mail has since, also, been lost between the latter place and Tarcutta.

An official inquiry at West Maitland into the circumstances attendant on the recent burning of Mr. Nutt's Mill. There seems some reason to fear that this fire may have been the work of a incendiary. The enquiry however is, it is said, to be resumed.

The Director of the Botanic Gardens delivered on Monday, the eleventh and last of his series of lectures on Structural and Systematic Botany. Prizes are to be given to the student who presents the most satisfactory subject by answer to the questions proposed, and a set of questions proposed on the subject. The questions have been put and the answers given. The decisions are to be announced and the prizes distributed on an early day.

On the evening of the same day, the Rev. W. Stack delivered the third of his series of lectures on ancient history in connection with the Church of England Sunday School Institute.

The draught assistants have revived the agitation for early closing.

Mr. T. A. Sealy, of Elizabeth-street, is executing some beautiful carvings in marble for the altar of the new Catholic Church, at Camden. The subject of the carvings, which is finished, is "The Adoration of the Magi."

A party of young gentlemen who were out fishing on Saturday afternoon, narrowly escaped drowning in the Murrumbidgee. They were rescued by the Water Police boat from Camo Cove after they had been about an hour in the water.

A German and his wife have died from scurvy at a place called the Lagston, not far from Dunmore. When called to the aid of the woman, five days, and her body was found dead. The husband was quite powerless; and had seen his wife die without being able to render her any aid. He expired soon after his wife, at the Toowoomba hospital, to which place he was conveyed.

Mr. Edward Foll, with a view to encourage proficiency in rifle shooting, has resolved to place £50 in the hands of a committee of Volunteers, to be shot for in two prizes. The terms of the contest have not yet been settled.

William Kerr, a young native of the colony, in the employment of Mr. Felton, of George-street, has manufactured a very beautiful and complete model of a "water skiff," or "water skis."

The accounts from Kintarra, and other gold fields, although conflicting are, upon the whole, satisfactory. At Little River the Chinese seem to have been particularly fortunate. Among them they have found two nuggets, one of 384 ounces, and the other of twenty-eight ounces.

The Chief Rabbi, in London, has appealed to the members of the Hebrew faith in Australia, for aid to the subscribers in relief of the sufferers by the late Syrian massacres.

The Central Criminal Court has been sitting throughout the week. Reuben Richards, charged with having assaulted the now celebrated Miss Isabella Mary Kelly, was acquitted. John General Fletcher, a clerk in the employ of Mr. Tooth, was convicted of horse-stealing, and sentenced to three years' hard labour in Parramatta gaol. Joseph Xavier Pereira was charged with the murder of Matthew Jones, at Eastern Creek, which was not proved. A most painful scene followed. The accused was acquitted. A most painful scene followed. The accused was acquitted. A most painful scene followed. The accused was acquitted.

The murdered man, and it was only by the judicious interference of the police that he was enabled to get away, and the unfortunate woman was left in a state of complete prostration. William Walker was convicted of having married Miss Jessie Newton while his first wife was still alive, and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The case of the late Mrs. Newton was also heard, and she was convicted of fraudulently obtaining a divorce, and sentenced to two years' hard labour.

The other cases which have been disposed of during the week are as follows:—

The scholars and teachers of the Sussex-street Ragged and Industrial School, on Wednesday last, their first school treat—an excursion to Watson's Bay—and enjoyed it amazingly.

The second annual meeting of the Juvenile Foreign Mission Society was held on Thursday evening.

Friday, 7th to 14th December.

The Sydney elections are over, and the subject of the 6th inst. has been the subject of much public attention. "Free selection before survey" has been so decidedly the order of the day that, with but one or two exceptions, none have been returned who have declined to join in the popular cry. Mr. Cowper has already secured a commanding majority of Assembly men, but whether it will prove a manageable majority remains to be seen.

It has been rumoured that Mr. Arnold is to vacate the Ministry of Works for some other appointment under the Government—probably of a more permanent character—and that he is to be succeeded by Mr. James Byrne, one of the members for Parramatta.

The annual meeting of the South Sydney Branch of the Australian Wesleyan Missionary Society was held on Monday evening, under the presidency of Captain Williams, of the ship La Hogue.

John Sullivan, aged fifty-seven, has died suddenly in Darlinghurst gaol, from the rupture of a blood vessel in his stomach. He was under sentence of imprisonment for petty larceny.

At the Lambing Flat diggings there have been some very serious cases of such as remain, however, still engaged in a large scale of public attention.

The miners have risen in a body, formed a "vigilance committee," and driven away the Chinese, of whom two is reported to have been killed, and ten wounded. The rioters have been killed, and ten wounded. The rioters have been killed, and ten wounded. The rioters have been killed, and ten wounded.

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A young woman, named Fanny Briggs, about twenty years of age, has been murdered in the bush near Rockhampton. There is no doubt that this crime has been committed by aborigines, who, having been driven away by the Government, have been driven away by the Government, and have been driven away by the Government.

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Dr. Seaman, who has been engaged in a scientific exploration of the Fiji Archipelago for the British Government, has returned to Sydney. He has formed a very high opinion of the resources of that group of islands, and is connected with the same circumstances.

Mr. G. Thornton, whose son was one of the young men rescued from drowning by the police boat at the Murrumbidgee, has transmitted a list of thanks, through the Sydney Police Magistrate, together with a reward of £10, to the distributary of the crew.

Mr. Robertson, the Minister for Lands, and Mr. Arnold, the Minister for Works, have both had dinners given to them by their constituents.

A man, whose name is unknown, has been accidentally killed by a building at New South Wales, in the month of Richard Cannan, a navy, has been killed at the Black Creek by a fall.

Madame Carandini gave a concert at the hall of the Australian Library, on Tuesday evening; and owing to the very high opinion of the resources of that group of islands, and is connected with the same circumstances.

The number of a Sydney Punch has been issued. The engravings are good, but in everything else they are very inferior to the Sydney Punch.

The fifth concert of the Sydney Vocal Harmonic Society, during the current year was given at the Castlebreagh-street Schoolroom, on Monday evening, and was repeated on Thursday evening.

Miss Collins, of Chalmers-gate, on Monday evening, gave a lecture on "Free selection before survey," at the Temperance Hall.

Mr. W. C. Bennett has resigned his appointment as Engineer for Roads under the Department of Works, and has been appointed to the position of Engineer for London. It is stated that Mr. Bennett's resignation is in consequence of Captain Martindale's departure, and is connected with the same circumstances.

The wine and spirit store of Mr. A. Cooper, in Sussex-street, caught fire on Saturday evening, but owing to the prompt aid of the volunteer firemen (particulars the No. 1 company) and of others, the fire was so quickly extinguished that no damage was done to the upper story of the building and its contents, consisting of hay, straw, old cordage, &c.

How the fire originated is not known. Mr. Cooper had locked up the store with his own hand at six o'clock on Saturday evening, and everything then appeared to be as usual.

The cricket match for the challenge cup, given by Mr. Leigh, between the National and Albert Clubs, was won by the latter.

The Sydney market has been recently supplied with some fine cherries from Goulburn, which, notwithstanding the great expense of carriage, were retailed at one shilling per pound. With railway facilities there will be a large and cheap supply of fruit, and the market will be better supplied than ever.

No further away than Bargo we have gathered the fine gooseberries, currants, and other fruits of the temperate zone, which cannot be raised to perfection near Sydney.

A man named Henry Stephens has been drowned while attempting to reach the Budgee Budgee Creek, Murrumbidgee district.

The opening of the Welliesley Colliery has been commemorated by a supper at the Cremorne Gardens Hotel.

A new church on the estate of the Australian Agricultural Company has been consecrated by the Bishop of Newcastle.

The Yacht Club Committee has unanimously resolved to give a prize to the "fouling" between the "villains" and the miners.

A splendid lady's cabinet and gold chain have been presented to Miss G. Mackay, by the teachers, scholars, and friends of the Scotch Church Sabbath-school, Church-hill, as an acknowledgment of her zealous labours in connection with the above school for seven years.

The pupils in most of the Sydney and suburban schools—National and Denominational—are being examined, with a view to the distribution of the Chinese prizes.

From Friday, 14th, to Thursday, 20th December.

The rumour as to the murder of Chinese at Lambing Flat has been contradicted by the Ministerial Journal, but confirmed by the last issue of the Yass Courier. Everything, however, is, as yet, uncertain. It is understood that the police have been sent to the spot, but we do not hear of any sufficient force for the complete suppression of anarchy, and if the story as to these outrages be true, the apprehension of the murder and their abettors will prove a matter of difficulty.

Mr. Edward Reave has been appointed Curator of the Museum of Antiquities in connection with the Sydney University.

Mr. Augustus Benjamen, lately a resident at the Fiji diggings, has been appointed to the archipelago and its inhabitants, at the Australian Library, on Monday evening.

A boy named Macnamara has been killed by a falling tree, when climbing after leucists at Braidwood.

Four men, who have been recently sent to Berrima gaol, made a concerted and desperate attempt to escape therefrom, but were captured while in the act of scaling the outer wall. It was not, however, until one of them, they would have been killed.

There has been a very heavy thunderstorm, at Braidwood, during the height of which the newly erected chimney of Mr. Matthew Miller, in Kelly-street, was struck by the electric fluid.

The prizes awarded to those who afforded the best answers to certain questions in connection with the recent course of lectures on botany, by Mr. Moore (director of the Botanic Gardens), was distributed on Saturday, by the Rev. Mr. Turner. The successful competitors were Mr. Parker, Miss Boyd, and Master Woolley.

Sir William Denison is to leave by the January mail for the Government of Madras. And who is

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1001-1005.

Now especially the *Euc. variabilis*, he mentioned as this species produced an essential oil, very similar to that of the *E. americana*, especially in the large oil-bearing leaves. He also mentioned that it was a legitimate oil of commerce. Many of the *E. variabilis* trees contained these essential oils; and one species he found only on the other side of the Burnet Mountains, a certain extent of *Eucalyptus* was so variable in its nature that, on one occasion, camping under its shade after a shower of rain, the air was so impregnated with the scent as to be offensive. In dealing with the *Eucalyptus variabilis*, he described the *Utricleae*. One of this family, the large *Utriclea*, a tree, little known for its dangerous qualities, having been the cause of the death of horses and other animals, was distinguished by the virulence of its bark. The bark, after attainment a height of sixty feet, contained in its inner places had been known to be five feet through to the sap.

As to the *Moraceae*, the mulberry, fig, &c., he observed that, in regard to the fig, he might mention that, beyond the *E. figs* of this continent attain a size that would appear monstrous to those who had never been in the United States. In Australia, where the figs, *Fig. Macleay*, and *Fig. Rivers* to the north, he had met with them quite as large as those of India; and having the same characteristics as the banyan tree of that country, that of sending out lateral branches from the stem, which themselves in the earth, thus dividing,

In his eleventh lecture, the lecturer by tracing the cellular development of plants from the highest to the lowest forms, illustrated plant morphology, and thereby proved that the stem, branches, leaves, epiboles, bracts, flowers, and fruit of plants were all modified forms of each other. He next explained the various forms of roots, stems, leaves, floral organs and appendages, and finally, detailing the names given by botanists to the variously modified forms, and impressing on his audience the necessity of making themselves acquainted with them in order that they might be able to understand the description given in botanical works of the various species and genera of the different families.

On the following Thursday, December 8, a

Examination of the candidates for the December 6, the Mr. Moore, took place, when five competitors offered themselves. On Saturday the 15th, the Rev. Mr. Turner, to whom had been entrusted the task of examining and deciding upon the papers, in making his award, delivered an eloquent address upon the advantages of science generally, and more particularly dwelling upon the benefits derivable from the study of botany. The prizes were awarded to Mr. Parker

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CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

The streets of Sydney continue to undergo a perceptible improvement in the erection of structures of a larger and more costly character than those hitherto in existence. Houses are being erected by public companies, and by private enterprise, which will compare favourably with works of a similar class in any other country.

The Free Press building, in Clarence-street, is rapidly approaching completion. The roof was finished a month ago; the plastering of the large hall has since been finished, and the joiners' work is now being progressed. The whole of the work will be done in about six months. The building is of very large dimensions, the facade is of a noble and has an imposing effect, while the internal arrangements are such as to render the hall well adapted for balls, concerts, and other public assemblages. It is proposed to inaugurate the opening with a grand musical festival, and the building will be opened on the 1st of May. The University was celebrated on the 25th inst.

The Bible Hall, in New Pitt-street, is proceeding with equal rapidity. The greater portion of the masonry and brickwork is finished, and the walls will be ready to receive the roof in a month. The architecture of the building is much admired, and the suspension of the roof is a great addition to the improvements that have lately taken place in that part of the city, in the erection of large and handsome stores, and in the covering in of the old Tank Stream.

The North Bath Company's new building in Pitt-street will be finished in a few days. The facade is in the Doric style, with massive columns and pediment; this, considering the smallness of its dimensions, gives the structure a rather diminutive appearance. The various compartments require for carrying on the system of water supply, and for the use of such dimensions as to allow of three hundred

The new building for the School of Arts now promises one of the handsomest elevations in Sydney. It is being designed to be a building of the future, in which the means were afforded of carrying out the whole of the architect's design, the works now being carried on consist of an adaptation of the old premises, with the addition of the space enclosed by the new front and the rear wall. These alterations will provide much greater accommodation for the operations of the institution; but the internal appearance of the building will be necessarily incomplete until the internal alterations are made. The lecture hall, when the necessary security is provided, will be a large hall, and the reading room will be on the upper floor. In the basement the reading room (being the old one carried out to the front) will be of large dimensions, measuring fifty feet by thirty. It is intended to celebrate the connection of the building with the exhibition of works of art, to be held early in February next.

Preparations are in progress for rebuilding the Prince of Wales Theatre, destroyed by fire two years since. The plans for the new building were prepared by Mr. E. M. T. Blackett and laid before the proprietors, but no steps have yet been taken towards putting them in execution. The restored building is to be of the same size as the old one, and to hold as many people. The arrangement of the interior is to be different from the present, and somewhat different. Instead of a dress circle, an upper circle, and a gallery, there will be two tiers of boxes equal to each other in point of respectability and accommodation, and the space between them to be to be the space of the lower tier of boxes there will be a balcony as in the new Adelphi theatre, in London. It was a serious objection to the old theatre that it was entered through public-houses; it is proposed by an alteration in the street front, to be made by other means, to enable the proprietors to elevate the moral character of the theatre, by inducing the attendance of the more respectable portion of the community, and by placing impediments to the admission of the class of persons who had formerly frequented the theatre, numbered too largely in our theatrical

A few days since the new auction premises in Pitt-street, belonging to Messrs. Richardson and Wrench, were completed and occupied. The building, which is of white brick, with neat stone dressings, has a handsome elevation. The auction room is spacious and lofty, and the other offices are equally commodious.

Several other works are in progress or have lately been completed, which will effect decided improvements in the principal streets. A new building has been erected in Hunter-street, a four-story structure, from the designs of Mr. J. P. Josephson, a fashionable architect; the premises are very lofty and commodious; the ornamentation of the double row of windows above the ground floor is extremely elaborate and tasteful; the interior glass windows give a fine appearance to the street. A block of three large buildings, intended for shops, on Brickfield-hill, belonging to Mr. J. H. Horne, are almost finished. Two others at a short distance are being built for Mr. A. Hordson. The new docks are being carried on under the direction of Mr. Blackett. Two very lofty private residences on the east side of Wynyard-square are just finished; the designs were by Mr. J. P. Josephson, and the buildings belong to Mr. Joseph, and have been built for him by Mr. Gibbs. A new Catholic residence, for the residence of the Catholic clergy in progress, and is nearly completed. A block of brick stores in Bridge-street, belonging to Mr. J. P. Josephson are on the eve of

SPINITION.

STATE OF CRIME IN SYDNEY.—The following is a statement of the weekly state of Darlinghurst gaol, may be well to state that the inmates going out and coming in, pretty nearly balance each other:—

Each week ending November 30th—

	Males.	Females.
For trial	4	1
Waiting examination	4	1
Miscellaneous	67	54
Confined	67	54
Labor	139	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	1	0
	228	125
Total	228	125

On December 1st—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On December 8th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On December 15th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On December 22nd—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On December 29th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On January 5th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On January 12th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On January 19th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On January 26th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On February 2nd—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On February 9th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On February 16th—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37
Labor	136	9
Ball	1	0
Debtors	2	0
	163	85
Total	163	85

On February 23rd—

For trial	0	1
Waiting examination	0	1
Miscellaneous	13	37
Confined	13	37

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	Novem. 1890.	Novem. 1889.	Octob. 1890.	Octob. 1889.	Septem. 1890.	Septem. 1889.	Augst. 1890.	Augst. 1889.	July, 1890.	July, 1889.	Novem. 1887.
Novem.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
Octob.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
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July,	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
June,	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
May,	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
April,	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
March,	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
Feb.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
Jan.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
Total	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Sydney	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Melbourne	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Adelaide	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Perth	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Fremantle	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Port Phillip	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Victoria	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Western Australia	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From South Australia	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From New South Wales	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From Queensland	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From New Zealand	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
From other sources	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.
Total	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1890.	1889.	1887.

METEOROLOGICAL RESULTS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.
MONTHLY ABSTRACT—OCTOBER, 1890.

Station	Barom.	Therm.	Wind	Clouds	Humidity	Direction	Force	Time	Remarks
Sydney	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Melbourne	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Adelaide	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Perth	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Fremantle	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Port Phillip	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Victoria	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
Western Australia	30.05	68.4	W. 10	100	85	W. 10	10	10	Clear
South									

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